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SUBJECT: G-3 TARIFF (SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS)

1. WE NOW HAVE AN INFORMAL ASSURANCES FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY GENERAL (CALLEJA) THAT HE IS WORKING TOWARD SCHEDULING THE G-3 NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10-14, HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES VERY SOON. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT US DELEGATION WILL NEED SOME ADVANCE NOTICE, SINCE IT WILL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL AGENCIES OF THE GOVT.

2. CALLEJA ALSO STATED THAT;
THERE WOULD BE NO PRJUDICAL ACTION TAKEN AGAINST US SHIPPING LINES AND THEIR AGENTS BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS;
THE FINANCE MINISTRY POSITION WOULD ALLOW FOR COMPROMISE, BUT NOT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF PAYMENT OF SOMETHING THEY REGARD AS A SERVICE CHARGE;
HE ASSUMED (AS DO WE) THAT THIS WOULD BE A SINGLE ROUND NEGOTIATION IN WHICH SETTLEMENT WOULD BE ACHIEVED.
IF THE NEGOTIATION PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL, THERE WAS NO PROMISE OF THE SPANISH SIDE OF FURTHER DELAYS IN ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

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3. ALL OF THE ABOVE OCCURED IN A QUITE FREINDLY ATMOSPHERE,
AND CALLEJA SEEMED SINCERE IN SUGGESTING TO MATCH THE ALREADY
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS OF THE US SIDE TO FIND A COMPROMISE
QUICKLY.
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